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In re application of

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Shinsuke YOKOKAWA

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For: PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLER

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

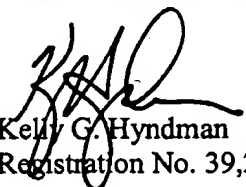
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Sir:

Applicant makes the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the identified feature is the only patentable feature in any of the claims. The independent claims and the dependent claims also include various other aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement emphasizes certain aspects of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, without inferring any particular emphasis from the Examiner's statement.

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